

DESIGNATING AS THE JOHN H. OVERTON LOCK AND DAM THE
LOCK AND DAM AUTHORIZED TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE RED
RIVER AND ALEXANDRIA, LA.

DECEMBER 9, 1970.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. FALLON, from the Committee on Public Works,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 14683]

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 14683) to designate as the John H. Overton lock and dam the lock and dam authorized to be constructed on the Red River near Alexandria, La., having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to designate as the John H. Overton lock and dam the lock and dam authorized to be constructed on the Red River near Alexandria, La. In addition to H.R. 14683, introduced by Representative Speedy O. Long, of Louisiana, Representative Joe D. Waggonner, Jr. of Louisiana, introduced H.R. 16204, an identical bill. Hearings were held on both bills on December 1, 1970.

The lock and dam to be named after John H. Overton, is to be constructed as part of the comprehensive program for improvement of the Red River Basin authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1968. The late Senator Overton, who died in 1948, was instrumental in bringing shallow draft navigation to the Red River Basin. He distinguished himself in his many years of public service including 15 years in the U.S. Senate and 2 years in the House of Representatives.

COST TO THE UNITED STATES

Enactment of this legislation will not result in any cost to the Federal Government.

COMMITTEE VIEWS

The committee believes it fitting and proper to designate this lock and dam as the John H. Overton lock and dam, in view of the outstanding accomplishments of the late Senator Overton in the water resources development of our Nation.

AGENCY COMMENTS

A letter submitted by the Department of the Army offering no objection to the enactment of H.R. 14683 follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY,
Washington, D.C., July 8, 1970.

HON. GEORGE H. FALLON,
Chairman, Committee on Public Works,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of the Army with respect to H.R. 14683, 91st Congress, a bill to designate as the John H. Overton lock and dam, the lock and dam authorized to be constructed on the Red River near Alexandria, La.

The purpose of the bill is stated in its title.

The late Senator John H. Overton is well known, in the area in which the lock and dam will be constructed, as an effective force in bringing shallow-draft navigation to the Red River Basin.

Designation of this lock and dam, to be constructed as part of the comprehensive program for improvement of the Red River Basin authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1968, is considered appropriate in view of the earlier congressional designation of the affected waterway below Fulton, Ark., as the "Overton-Red River Waterway" (Public Law 525, 79th Cong.).

The Department of the Army has no objection to enactment of the bill.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that, from the standpoint of the administration's program, there is no objection to the presentation of this report for the consideration of the committee.

Sincerely,

THADDEUS R. BEAL,
Acting Secretary of the Army.